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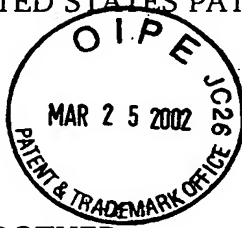
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Applicants submit this paper to introduce art that they wish to have the Examiner consider. 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 & 1.97.

The art has been listed on the attached modified PTO Forms 1449. This includes thirteen U.S. patents and two foreign documents. Copies of these references have been enclosed pursuant 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2).

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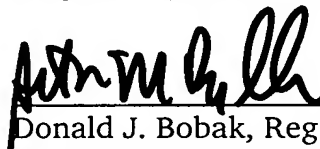
document to the examination of this application. The Examiner is requested to disregard any markings on the documents.

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